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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING OF DRAMA DEPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grant Commission track record in running drama departments is abysmally poor;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to improve the functioning of the drama department?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), it provide funds to Universities/Colleges for their Departments of Drama and Performing Arts. Recently, the Deemed to be University status has been conferred upon the National School of Drama, New Delhi which is an Institution fully dedicated to Dramatics.